

Speaker Biographies

Legal & Regulatory Considerations for Clean Water Utilities During COVID-19 Webinar



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Fred Andes is a partner in the Chicago and Washington, DC offices of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, and is the leader of the firm's water team. Mr. Andes is involved in counseling and litigation on issues arising under various federal and state environmental laws, with a special emphasis on Clean Water Act matters.

Mr. Andes is involved in clean water issues on the national and state levels. He was selected by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to serve on the Federal Advisory Committee on the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program. He is serving as coordinator for the Federal Water Quality Coalition, which is a group of municipal and other regulated parties that is participating in EPA's rulemaking on TMDLs and other key Clean Water Act programs.

Mr. Andes is also advising trade associations, industries, and municipalities on TMDLs, permits, and other water quality matters on the state and federal levels, including development of water quality standards, listings, TMDLs, and permit conditions.

Mr. Andes has been recognized by Illinois Super Lawyers Magazine since 2014. He also regularly appears on the Best Lawyers in America and Chambers USA lists for his work in environmental law.

Mr. Andes graduated *Cum Laude* from Harvard Law School in 1980. He obtained his undergraduate degree from Northwestern University in 1977. Mr. Andes is a member of the Illinois State, District of Columbia, and American Bar Associations. He is admitted to practice in the state of Illinois, the District of Columbia, the US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and the District of Columbia, and the US Courts of Appeals for the First, Second, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, and DC Circuits.



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Tom Boer represents companies, municipal utilities, and individuals in federal and state environmental litigation, in defense of

environmental enforcement actions and citizen suits, in response to catastrophic environmental emergencies and chemical releases, and in connection with site cleanup and cost recovery. Before entering private practice, Mr. Boer served as a trial lawyer with the US Department of Justice (DOJ) and as a lawyer with the US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of General Counsel. As a lawyer with the DOJ, Mr. Boer prosecuted cases on behalf of the United States under the Clean Air Act; Clean Water Act; Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act; Oil Pollution Act; and the Park System Resource Protection Act.

Mr. Boer's experience at the EPA and DOJ provides him with a firsthand perspective into how the government pursues and resolves enforcement actions. He, in turn, offers clients invaluable insights into the processes, risks, issues and strategies for resolving alleged environmental liabilities. Mr. Boer has degrees from Occidental College in Policy and Environmental Studies and George Washington University Law School. He is admitted to practice before the US District Courts for the Northern, Eastern, Central and Southern Districts of CA, and the US Courts of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the DC Circuit.



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Andrew Silton's practice focuses primarily on issues arising under the nation's water quality laws and spans regulatory counseling, enforcement defense, and litigation. He is currently the Deputy Chair of the firm's Water Practice Group and represents clients from both the private and public sectors in matters arising under the Clean Water Act and state law. Mr. Silton advises clients in a variety of sectors, ranging from waste and stormwater utilities to companies in the renewable energy, information technology, oil and gas, and transportation sectors.

Mr. Silton also plays an active role in the firm's pesticide data compensation practice. He has brought multiple arbitrations to obtain compensation from competitors who have relied on clients' pesticide data to obtain registrations. Mr. Silton has also represented members of the pesticide industry in high profile administrative law litigation impacting the regulation and registration of pesticide products.

Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Silton gained experience working for the government and tackling emerging issues relating to adaptation to climate change. Immediately after graduating from Georgetown University Law Center, he served as a special law clerk at the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Philadelphia, where he prepared cost recovery and enforcement actions under CERCLA and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA).



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Amanda Waters joined AquaLaw in 2020, bringing over 20 years of environmental law experience with a focus on the federal Clean Water Act (CWA). She has extensive practical expertise working nationally with utilities on a variety of environmental permitting, compliance, and enforcement issues.

Ms. Waters most recently served as General Counsel for the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), where she managed the legal advocacy program implementing NACWA's mission to safeguard the interests of municipal wastewater and stormwater utilities.

She previously served as General Counsel & Director of Public Advocacy for the Water Environment Federation, General Counsel & Deputy Executive Director for Sanitation District No. 1 of Northern Kentucky (a public wastewater and stormwater utility), Deputy General Counsel for the State of Kentucky Environmental & Public Protection Cabinet, and as a staff attorney with the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection.
